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SUBJECT: STATUS OF DUAL NATIONALS OF MILITARY AGE VISITING
GREECE DURING SUMMER OF 1978

1. ON MAY 15, 1978, THE GREEK MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ISSUED ORDER NO F.670/3/123398, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO ENCOURAGE EXPATRIATE GREEK CITIZENS OF MILITARY AGE, INCLUDING DUAL NATIONALS, TO VISIT GREECE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1978.

2. THE TRANSLATED TEXT OF THE ORDER FOLLOWS: QUOTE:
IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR MILITARY OBLIGATIONS, GREEK CITIZENS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED PERMANENT RESIDENCE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AGO IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, COMMUNIST COUNTRIES EXCEPTED, SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM ANY QUESTIONING OF THEIR MILITARY OBLIGATIONS DURING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 31, 1978; PROVIDED THAT THEY SHALL ENTER GREECE WITHIN THE AFOREMENTIONED PERIOD OF TIME BEARING GREEK OR FOREIGN PASSPORTS, AS MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS OR COMMUNITIES OF GREEKS RESIDING ABROAD. IN ORDER TO PROVE THEIR STATUS AS ABOVE, THEY MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES: (A) AN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION OR COMMUNITY TO WHICH THEY BELONG. (B) A CERTIFICATE OF RECENT DATE ISSUED BY THE APPROPRIATE GREEK CONSULAR AUTHORITIES, PROVING THEIR STATUS AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE ESTABLISHED. THOSE WHO PROLONG THEIR RESIDENCE IN GREECE BEYOND
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AUGUST 31, 1978, WILL BE UNABLE TO DEPART ABROAD WITHOUT PRIOR SETTLEMENT OF THEIR MILITARY OBLIGATIONS. THE ABOVE CONDITIONS SHALL NOT APPLY TO MALES LIABLE FOR MILITARY OBLIGATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS DESERTERS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 94 OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO 720/970 SHALL CONTINUE IN FORCE WITH REGARD TO CATEGORIES COVERED BY ITS PROVISIONS.
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3. PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 94 COVERS CATEGORIES OF GREEK PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY VISIT GREECE WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONING OF THEIR MILITARY OBLIGATIONS FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME PROVIDED THEY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN INFORMATION SHEET RE CONSCRIPTION LAW, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE VISITS TO GREECE FOR THOSE GREEK MALES WHO HAVE NOT YET FULFILLED USUAL TEN YEAR RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. NOTE THAT THIS ORDER APPLIES TO MEMBERS OF GREEK ORGANIZATIONS ONLY AND PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP WILL BE REQUIRED. ORDERS OF THIS TYPE HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN PAST YEARS TO EXPEDITE TRAVEL.
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